

High level of Support								
Recommendations	Activity	Who?	Funding	Funding Estimate	Statute Issue?	Start Date	End Date	Notes
Recommendation #7: Implement a Learning Management System for Professional Development	Finalize setup of Library Enterprise Directory	DPI	WISEdata	\$130,000	No	Ongoing	Fall 2019	This project will serve as the backbone for an improved director certification process.
	Make internal improvements to the library director certification process	DPI	WISEdata	\$100,000	No	Fall 2019	December 2019	Will result in an online, paperless Public Library director certification platform
	Establish Implementation Team to monitor progress and provide feedback on design and functionality as the project develops	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Spring 2020	Spring 2020	Would include some system CE coordinators, public library representatives, DPI staff, iSchool rep?
	Investigate and create initial specifications for Learning Management System for Library Professionals	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Winter 2019	Spring 2020	DPI team: Elizabeth Neuman, Tessa Schmidt, Cindy Fesemyer, DPI LMS Team Portal Elements: LMS, consulting
	Develop consulting metrics to better help understand service needs, priorities, and demand	Implementation Team	DPI Internal		No	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Addressed in CE/Consulting Workgroup report.
	Investigate and create initial specifications for support Portal	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	DPI team: Gabrielle Koontz, DPI LMS Team

								Portal will initially be focused on professional development, allowing systems to collocate resources for inservice training for library staff and trustees, but could also include consulting for library administration and technical support.
	Review specifications and available Learning Management System platforms. Issue and judge RFP for additional platform(s)/software if necessary	Implementation Team	DPI Internal	\$5,000	No	Spring 2020	Fall 2020	Tessa Schmidt, Elizabeth Neuman, Cindy Fesemyer, Shannon Schultz, DPI LMS Team
	Development phase of customizing the Learning Management System platform	DPI or Vendor	WISE		No	January 2021	Summer 2021	Establish pilot process. Either roll out elements of the platform slowly, or use 1 or 2 systems as pilot projects
	Train system staff and library staff on the use of the LMS	DPI or Vendor	WISELearn		No	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Administrative rule or statute if statewide adoption of resulting product is an issue
	Determine how Consulting, support triage can be incorporated	Implementation Team	DPI Internal		No	Summer 2021	Winter 2021	DPI team: Shannon Schultz, Cindy Fesemyer, Tessa Schmidt
Recommendation #4: Analyze the Current Funding Formula	Draft issue paper on the topic of funding formula	DPI	DPI Internal		Yes 43.24	Fall 2019	Winter 2019	DPI Lead: John DeBacher
	Conduct formal analysis of funding formula effectiveness	External Consultant	LSTA	\$50,000	Yes	Winter 2019	Summer 2020	LSTA 2019 Proposed Project

	and implications of changes to formula				43.24			
	Identify funding summit participants, plan, and schedule summit	COLAND & DPI	DPI Internal		Yes 43.24	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	
	Share findings of funding formula analysis and gather feedback from key constituent entities	DPI	DPI Internal		Yes 43.24	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Key constituent entities: public library system directors, DPI leadership, WLA, COLAND
	Hold summit to create formal recommendation(s)	Stakeholders	LSTA	\$10,000	Yes 43.24	Fall 2020	Fall 2020	
	Supported, but might require more work to move forward							
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Recommendation #1: Develop Standards, Best Practices and Accountability Structures for Public Library Systems	Establish Implementation Team to consider statutory system standards	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Spring 2020	Spring 2020	
	Establish Implementation Team to consider system best practices	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Spring 2020	Spring 2020	
	Create recommendations for statutory system standards	Implementation Team (Standards)	LSTA	\$5,000	Yes (admin rule) 43.09(2)	Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Shannon Schultz Review SRLAAW report “ Creating More Effective Library Systems ” and analyze current system services based on

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	Define system best practices and how to share those best practices	Implementation Team (Best Practices)	LSTA	\$2,500	No	Fall 2020	Winter 2020	Shannon Schultz, Michael Dennison
	Conduct System Fiscal Practices study	External Consultant	LSTA	\$75,000	No	Winter 2019	September 2020	John DeBacher, Michael Dennison LSTA 2019 Proposed Project
	Analyze and make recommendations on governance around standards and best practices	Implementation Team (Joint?)	LSTA	\$5,000	Yes 43.09(2) 43.15	Winter 2020	Spring 2021	Board of systems idea Could be initiated by consensus-developed volunteer group, nominated by library community, DPI, ?
Recommendation #2: Enhance Collaboration by Creating Incentives and Removing Barriers	Monitor Statewide System Backup project and look for additional technology-related collaboration opportunities	DPI	DPI Internal		No	July 2019	Ongoing	
	Conduct research to assess issues, disincentives, barriers, and potential incentives	External Consultant	LSTA	\$25,000	Maybe 43.17(6)	July 2019	September 2020	Statute-related barriers would be identified here
	Establish Implementation Team	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Fall 2020	Fall 2020	
	Investigate and document current collaboration, develop a guide that outlines resources for future collaborative projects, potential funding options, and available experts	Implementation team	LSTA	\$2,500	Maybe 43.17(6)	Fall 2020	Summer 2021	DPI: Tessa Schmidt Use PLSR workgroup reports as initial framework

	for facilitators. Generate a plan to effect statutory changes, if needed							
Recommendation #5: Initiate Delivery Service Pilot Projects	Outside consultant to look at and fact check workgroup report and steering recommendation	External Consultant	LSTA	\$75,000	Maybe 43.24(2)(f)m)	Fall 2019	September 2020	LSTA 2019 Proposed Project
	Appoint or hire a project manager charged with performing necessary research, coordinating stakeholder groups, and managing implementation issues relating to this recommendation	DPI	LSTA	cost if Project Manager is hired		Fall 2019	Fall 2019	Can be part of overall project managers duties?
	Convene workgroup to help issue RFP, define outcomes and output collection and work through implementation	Project Manager	LSTA	\$5,000	Maybe 43.24(2)(f)m)	July 2020	December 2020	
	Institute Delivery Pilot Projects based on defined outcomes of the delivery workgroup and outside consultant	DPI or Project Manager	LSTA	\$100,000	Maybe 43.24(2)(f)m)	July 2021	December 2022	LSTA 2020
	Implement findings and recommendations of the pilot project in other parts of the state	Public Library Systems	LSTA	High cost	Maybe 43.24(2)(f)m)	January 2021	Ongoing until full participation	LSTA grants could fund implementation as a semi-competitive category

Need more education/research before moving forward

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Recommendation # 6: Create an Effective, Well-Managed, State-Scale Discovery Layer	Write issue paper(s) on Discovery Layers and integrated ILL technologies	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Gail Murray, Ben Miller, Elizabeth Neuman
	Conduct environmental scan on Discovery Layer instances in Wisconsin, including cost and funding sources	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Gail Murray, Ben Miller, Elizabeth Neuman
	Write issue paper(s) around Discovery Layers and E-resources, including topic of centralized authentication	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Elizabeth Neuman This is referenced in the Collections Workgroup report.
	Establish a statewide cataloging and policy workgroup to begin identifying standard practices that will lend themselves to greater interoperability	DPI	LSTA/W ISE	\$5,000	No	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Referenced in the ILS/ILL/Discovery Workgroup recommendation. Could begin by creating a statewide workflow for returning most library materials anywhere in the state (again, referenced in the ILS/ILL/Discovery Workgroup recommendation)
	Create a repository of information around successful ILS mergers	Workgroup	LSTA/W ISE	\$2,500	No	Spring 2020	Spring 2021	Referenced in the ILS/ILL/Discovery Workgroup recommendation.

	Provide learning opportunities statewide around the topic of Discovery Layers	DPI	LSTA/W ISE	\$5,000	No	Spring 2020	Fall 2021	Could be sponsored conference sessions, summit(s), asynchronous training resources, webinar series, etc.
	Conduct a needs assessment to identify minimum technical requirements necessary to achieve interoperability between different library management software platforms	Workgroup	LSTA/W ISE	\$2,500	No	Fall 2021	Winter 2021	
	Pilot project to show viability between two systems with different ILS. Analyze volume of delivery, e-resource usage, hold time lengths, circulation	Project Manager	LSTA		No	January 2022	Spring 2023	
Recommendation #3: Reduce the Number of Public Library Systems	Draft issue paper(s) on system mergers, county mergers, and lessons learned, including statutory implications that should be considered	DPI	DPI Internal		Yes 43.18	Summer 2019	December 2019	John DeBacher
	Establish Implementation Team	DPI	DPI Internal		No	Summer 2020	Summer 2020	
	Review reports created during the implementation process for relevance to this topic	Implementation Team	LSTA	\$1,000	No	Fall 2020	Ongoing	PLSR Steering Committee Final Report Funding Formula Analysis Fiscal Practices Study Collaboration Study

	Identify and document statutory barriers to system and county mergers	Implementation Team	LSTA	\$2,500	Yes 43.18	Summer 2020	Fall 2021	Conduct interviews with system directors, system board members, and others who have gone through past mergers, successful or not
	Create a best practices checklist and resource document for public library system boards/member libraries to consider options for filling director vacancies and/or public library system mergers	Implementation Team	LSTA	\$5,000	Maybe 43.18	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	